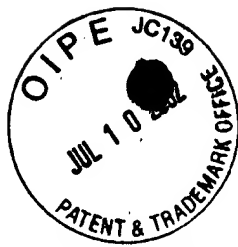


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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Attached hereto is a copy of Fig. 1, with the suggested change indicated in red therein.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to approve entry of the above-noted drawing. In particular, in this figure, and in response to the Examiner's suggestion, reference character "R" has been added to identify the "Recording Medium" of this figure. This change does not introduce any prohibited new matter into the present application, but rather merely complies with the Examiner's suggestion to conform the reference characters of the specification to those of the drawings.

Accordingly, approval for entry of the above-noted proposed change to Fig. 1 is respectfully requested.

Additionally, Applicants submit herewith a new formal drawing for Fig. 1 in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, as it is assumed that the minor correction

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made therein will be approved by the Examiner.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 in the above-captioned application.

___ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

___ A Request for Extension of Time.

X A Request for Approval of Drawing Amendment, with 1 sheet of drawings.

X A Letter to the Draftsman, with 1 sheet of drawings.

X No Additional Fee.

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